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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: MEETING OF DIRECTOR, USAEC
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ANALYSIS WITH TRIPARTITE
CENTRIFUGE GROUP

1. APRIL 5, DR. JAMES CONNOR, DIRECTOR OF USAEC OFFICE
OF PLANNING AND ANALYSIS MET IN LONDON WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF TRIPARTITE CENTRIFUGE GROUP (UK, FRG, NETH)
TO DISCUSS URANIUM ENRICHMENT. FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:
C. HERZIG (ATOMIC ENERGY, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY) K.
JOINER OF HERZIG'S OFFICE, N.M. FENN, (ASSISTANT,
ENERGY DEPARTMENT, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE),
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MR. KRUYT, NETHERLANDS FOREIGN OFFICE AND MR. VON

KLITZING, OVERSEAS RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE GERMAN
MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS
INFORMALLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE TRIPARTITE THE US
PROPOSALS ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT. CONNOR GAVE A BRIEF-
ING SIMILAR TO THE ONE GIVEN TO HERR SCHMIDT-KUESTER
AT THE AEC IN MARCH. HE STRESSED THAT ANY COOPERATIVE
EFFORTS MUST BE PRECEDED BY BROADER ENERGY COOPERATION.
HE IDENTIFIED SEVERAL CRITERIA AGAINST WHICH POTENTIAL
AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE JUDGED BY THE US GOVERNMENT. THESE
WERE NATIONAL SECURITY AND PROLIFERATION CONSIDERATIONS,
ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO THE TAX PAYERS FOR PUBLICLY
DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY, SURETY OF DOMESTIC SUPPLY. IT
WAS ESPECIALLY STRESSED THAT TECHNOLOGY SHARING
EFFORTS WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN FIRM
COMMITMENTS BY US FIRMS TO PROVIDE ENRICHING SERVICES
IN THE US. MEMBERS OF THE TRIPARTITE INDICATED THAT
THEY UNDERSTOOD THE CRITERIA AND THE REASONS FOR THEM.

3. THEIR QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND PROCEDURAL MATTERS
RELATED TO THE APRIL 22 AD HOC GROUP MEETING IN WASHING-
TON. THEY EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT BOTH
MEMBERSHIP AND SIZE OF THE AD HOC GROUP AND WHAT
MECHANISMS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO EFFECT BOTH OF THE
ABOVE. THEY INDICATED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON NATURAL
URANIUM AND NON-TECHNICAL ISSUES MIGHT WELL BE CONDUCTED
IN A GROUP EXPANDED BEYOND ECG MEMBERSHIP BUT URGED THAT
THE TECHNOLOGY SHARING DISCUSSIONS BE SHARPLY LIMITED IN
SIZE. CONNOR POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE US FORMULATION
CALLED FOR TECHNOLOGY SHARING ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE
BETWEEN INTERESTED INDUSTRIAL PARTIES, THERE SEEMED TO
BE NO REASON TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE DISCUSSION GROUP ON
THIS SUBJECT. THIS RESPONSE SEEMED TO LESSEN THE CONCERN
OF THE TRIPARTITE REPRESENTATIVES.

4. THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
SOUGHT REASSURANCE THAT THE PRESENT US GOVERNMENT
PROPOSAL DIFFERED FROM THE 1971 OFFER TO SHARE DIFFUSION
TECHNOLOGY AND INDICATED THAT AT THE AD HOC MEETING THEY
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